

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed June 15, 2006, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement as follows: Invention I (claims 17, 22, 23, 37, 42, and 43), and Invention II (claims 46-54). Applicants hereby elect the claims associated with Invention I (claims 17, 22, 23, 37, 42, and 43) for prosecution at this time. Claims 46-54 are withdrawn from consideration, without prejudice to the possibility of reinstatement during the prosecution of the subject application, and without prejudice to the filing of subsequent continuation or divisional applications.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 17, 22, 23, 37, 42, and 43 are now in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining matters that may be handled by telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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